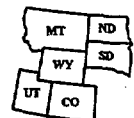


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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Mel and Judy Burnett
Millworks West
P.O. Box 395
Libby, MT

Dear Mel and Judy:

On June 25 and 26, 2000 EPA collected ambient air and personal monitoring data from workers in two areas within your facility at Millworks West. Our Toxicologist, Dr. Weis, oversaw the conduct of this sampling along with the team's industrial hygienist. These areas were the former bagging facility and the break room at the planer building. We will forward a more formal report of our sampling activities to you as soon as it is available. However, in the interim, I wanted to notify you that our preliminary data indicates asbestos levels in air recorded in the break room of the planer building were at the present occupational exposure limit for airborne asbestos 0.1 fibers per cubic centimeter (the exact measurement was 0.099 f/cc which is functionally equivalent to the occupational limit). Not all the samples have been analyzed as yet but we will notify you of the results as they become available.

In the mean time I recommend that activities in areas across the site be conducted such as to minimize dust generation. I have requested that W.R. Grace begin implementation of dust suppression in the outside areas of the lumber yard immediately and they have indicated that they intend to comply with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Peronard for".

Paul Peronard, OSC
Libby Asbestos Site